

2. (Amended) The vector system of Claim 1, wherein each arm further comprises a rare restriction endonuclease recognition site.

3. (Amended) The vector system of Claim 1, wherein each arm further comprises a polylinker.

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4. (Amended) The vector system of Claim 1, wherein said first cyclization element is a nucleic acid comprising a first LOX site, and said second cyclization element is a nucleic acid comprising a second LOX site.

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6. (Amended) A composition comprising said vector system of Claim 1 and a target sequence.

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20. (Amended) A eukaryotic host cell comprising said vector system of Claim 1.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-4 and 6-13, 20-22 and 27-32 will remain pending in the application. Claim 5 has been canceled. Claims 1-4, 6 and 20 have been amended. These changes do not introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action of April 23, 2003, the Examiner set forth a number of grounds for rejection. These grounds are addressed individually and in detail below.

Election/Restriction

Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has made the restriction final and, withdrawn claims 14-19, 23-26, and 33-47 from consideration. Applicants elect claims 1-4, 6-13, 20-22 and 27-32, with traverse, to continue prosecution.